STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

DATE: November 4, 2026

TITLE: **Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Input Regarding Unmet Transit Needs and Direct Staff to Forward All Comments to the Humboldt County Association of Governments.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council conduct a public hearing to receive input regarding unmet transit needs; and direct staff to forward all comments to the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG).

INTRODUCTION:

Annually, the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) reviews unmet transit needs through a multi-jurisdictional public hearing process throughout Humboldt County. As part of this annual process, HCAOG encourages member entities to conduct separate public hearings to receive local comments. Comments can also be received by email, mail, and telephone prior to December 31, 2026.

HCAOG will receive comments directly on unmet transit needs until December 31, 2026, at:

HCAOG Office
Attn: Rom Holmlund, Executive Director
611 I Street, Suite B
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 444-8208
rob.holmlund@hcaog.net

HCAOG will also receive comments directly on unmet transit on 11/19/2026 at 4:30 pm in the Eureka City Hall.

DISCUSSION:

Comments generated during the public hearing process are to be submitted to HCAOG for inclusion in the annual Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings. Public input will then be put into one of three categories:

A. That there are no unmet transit needs; or

B. That there are no unmet transit needs which are reasonable to meet; or

C. That there are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.

The adoption of the final HCAOG Report of Findings will occur early in 2027. Please refer to attachments for more detailed information.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

No immediate financial impact.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

1. Open the Public Hearing.
2. Receive a staff report and review questions with staff.
3. Open public comment.
4. Close public comment/the public hearing.
5. Provide input regarding unmet transit needs.
6. Direct staff to forward all comments to the Humboldt County Association of Governments.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Unmet Transit Needs Synopsis (PDF)